

SHE IS CALLED UNA

Mrs. Leslie Writes About the American Girl.

HER WHIMS AND CAPRICES

The Leading Traits of the Maidens of Various Lands Contrasted—The American Girl a Daisy.



How can help being fond of young girls? I don't mean in the way young men are fond of them, but as an observer of human nature and of vanity fair may well be. There is a certain freshness and sweetness and spontaneity about them like the charms of flowers, butterflies and birds, and besides this a gracefulness and attractiveness like that one feels in all frisky, confiding, fond young creatures like kittens and lambs and suchlike helpings, frolicsome and trustful creatures.

For myself I am devoted to girls wherever I may be, and I have been, I believe, in most parts of the habitable globe. Everywhere I have found girls, and everywhere there have been many traits of identity and some of difference. All were nice, and I do not know that if I could I could tell which I like the best.

Our own girls certainly have the most character; also, as a rule, they have the most beauty. But this question is, are not they, so far as the great cities go—are they more young women of the world than girls *par excellence*? There has been a great deal said both at home and abroad upon this subject, but it is one that is always coming up again, and we should not blink the discussion of it.

Is the American girl not enough a girl, or is she too much of a girl?

It is certainly true that the American girl accepts, in fact assumes, responsibilities that no other girl in the world would dream of doing, and the consequence is that she sometimes appears lacking in that modest humility and timid appeal to her elders which is one of the charms of certain other girls; foreigners, in fact, are apt to mistake her calm self assertion for boldness and want of self respect, and acting upon this mistake they sometimes meet with rebuffs so startling that they fly to the last. Grace Darling was an American girl, and more than one or two others have emulated her noble courage under similar circumstances. American girls have taken their fathers' places in command of ships, in the conduct of flight from Indians, in the saving of burning houses; in fact, I don't see with a little research one could find an American girl in nearly every position of trust or of command which a man of her age and physical ability could fill. Shall we, then, desire to see her watered down to the level of the shrinking and blushing girlhood which is the French ideal of girlhood?

But on the other hand, the girls who are called to fight in the ranks, or to "man" lifeboats, or to rescue their helpless mothers from hellfires, or to save burning buildings, are not a very large proportion of the whole, and this very courage and ability are apt in private life to make a restless and uncontrolled and perhaps assuming character. Our Grace Darlings in city society are very apt to get the name of being "fast" or "mannish" or "hard," just because they have such an amount of surplus energy and force of character. Besides this our girls have another splendid quality which ought to lead foreigners to make mistakes about them. They are not afraid of men, because they feel themselves perfectly competent to control any circumstances in which they may be placed and to meet any attack that may be made. They are those who meet the lion with perfect tranquillity, because they know they can lead him whither they will. The lion's roars generally lead him to the same conviction, but in case he is stupid and don't see it the American lion is quite capable of converting her into a lioness, and she will then give him a sound thrashing.

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virtue she is next to the Irish girl, who, as is well known, is the most virtuous of her sex, and in judgment, coolness and knowledge of the world she is by far her superior.

In fact, I think we may honestly claim that the failings of our American girls are simply what the French call "les fautes de leur virtus"; that is, the somewhat troublesome excess of unselfish strength.

Daisy Miller has passed into a proverb. But is she a type? I never have forgiven Mr. James for some traits in his portrait, and yet there is a great deal of truth in the innocent audacity, the fearlessness and the simple carelessness of public opinion that stamp his heroine, and one cannot but feel a certain tenderness for the poor child, although one is so provoked at her, or rather at her author.

But fascinating as every one allows the American girl to be, her English cousins are dangerous rivals. The stately growth and clear complexion, the well developed figure and the honest simplicity of manner are in the eyes of many more attractive than the independent vivacity of the American. Two types of middle-class are not unlike the natural scenery amid which they have been perfected; the fragrant breadth of western prairies, the graceful freedom of virgin forests, the sparkling rush of mighty rivers and the fearless beauty of airy waterfalls, seem to have tempered the clay and infused the blood of the American girl, while her passive English cousin reminds one of stately parks and well ordered gardens, lawns of velvet and meads knee deep in clover where plaid kilted broods as if they were posing for Sir Edwin Landseer's brush.

In sauntering around England—and one can see neither a country nor its people except in sauntering—the predominant idea one receives is of long and patient culture. Every foot of arable ground has been turned over and over through a thousand years of husbandry; the grass is not so much grass as the elaboration of man's energies and the chemist's skill; the trees that shaded Elizabeth and the second Charles have been preserved and cared for to the last days of Victoria; everything, in fact, bears the mark of man's zealous improvement of natural advantages, and the girls are no exception to the rule.

Those of the upper class—that is to say, those of the landed gentry—whose fathers and mothers and ancestors for hundreds of years have been cultivated as assiduously as the grass, and the corn lands, and the trees, and show the effect of cultivation just as blood horses and Devon cows show it; in fact the clear skins, the lustrous eyes and clean cut features and shapely limbs show breeding long and carefully; and the conventional ideas, the narrow range of thought, the value of precedent and the importance of precedence, all show breeding too. They show the training of the mind in long established formulas and the molding of manners to long established traditions, so that the English baby is born artificial, and as a rule grows up in the same condition.

Of course there are exceptions to this rule, even among young girls, but these variants as a rule are neither understood nor admired in their own meridian; what is spontaneous independence of thought in an American girl is set down as suspicious eccentricity in an English girl, and in fact the latter never can cross that charm of unconsciousness which marks the vagaries of our own ladies; there are too many warning voices upraised, there is too much Saturday Reviewing for the English girl to step one foot outside the beaten track without knowing it, while our own girls follow their impulses very much as the wind does and generally come to as little harm.

But each type of girl has her charm, and we would not if we could change either for the other. There is charm in diversity and harmony in contrast.

Crossing the channel or the narrow seas, we come upon more girls and thoroughly new types, and yet are not prepared to set them in a place of inferiority.

The French girl is in a condition of slow transition; the *jeune fille* of the last century spent her infancy in the house of her foster mother, and her girlhood in a convent, whence she was summoned at sixteen or seventeen years old to be presented to her affianced husband. Perhaps she liked him and perhaps she did not; nobody inquired and nobody cared; the alliance was arranged by the parents on both sides, and the *jeune fille* at least acquiesced without choice or opinion.

In those days there was no such thing as a French girl, for she was repressed almost out of existence, and only began to live, and generally not very wisely, after her marriage. But the slow, sure tooth of Time has eaten away very much of tradition in France and done more than the many revolutions in setting the young women free. Liberty, that is to say the French idea of liberty, is in the air, and the women breathe it, as well as fathers and brothers. Women, even young girls, begin to realize that they are individuals and possess souls and minds as well as bodies, and the knowledge emboldens them to think, to speak and to act once they never would have dreamed of doing.

Convents are a good deal out of fashion nowadays, and Adele ventures to form the opinion that Gustave is more to her than Adele, even though the former be a *bon parti* and the latter not. The *jeune fille* has looked over the fence at least, and the look is often preparatory to leaping, but the process of emancipation is sometimes a tedious and hesitating one. The French girl of our own day will never acquire the freedom of the American maiden, nor is it desirable that she should, for she cannot in one or two generations be trained to use it with discretion. Liberty of speech and action must be based upon deep convictions of right and wrong; there must be a

moral law to replace the loss of conventional and tradition before it is safe to throw them aside, and perhaps in no country outside of America can a child be born into that atmosphere of self government and self protection that gives her peculiar nature to the American girl.

But turning for a moment to another great division of Christendom, let us glance at the German girl, who differs materially from each of those already mentioned. Of course we all know that the Teutonic damsel is trained to housewifery from her cradle; that even frauleins of high degree are forced to go through a course of pickling and preserving, of confectionery and cake making; are taught to look after the house linen and watch the movements of the servants with a diligence unknown to most housekeepers. But this utilitarianism is not to me the predominant trait of the German girl—I mean the daughters of the nobility, what we would call the society girls of Germany; the most salient point in the characters of such as I have met has been their pride.

We speak of Spanish pride, of English haughtiness and of Russian arrogance, but to my mind not one of them equals the all pervading, all dominating and perfectly spontaneous pride of a German girl in her sixteen quarterings of nobility, and her firm conviction that no merit, no education, no natural gifts or acquired advantages can in any way fit a person not "well born" to stand upon an equality with herself, or above all to aspire to her hand. To make a *maladance* in the mind of the German fraulein a little worse than to join the Mormons and become a thirteenth wife would be for an American, and so far as the former has strength and individuality of mind they show themselves in draping around her fair white shoulders the mantle of hereditary honor, which is to her the most valuable of all human possessions.

But the subject grows upon one so vividly that it becomes a hopeless task to exhaust its ramifications, and it must be dropped unfinished with only this one word in which I am sure every keen student of mankind will join:

Long life to the girl, *par excellence*, for she is the just opened bud of the fairest flower in all this fair world.

Mrs. FRANK LESLIE.

HUEFFNER AND NESSEL.

Two Wheelmen Who Won Honors in the

Waukegan-Milwaukee Road Race.

One of the most important bicycling events in the west of late was the annual Waukegan-Milwaukee road race, run July 30. The winner of the event was E. C. Hueffner, who had a handicap of 13 minutes, and covered the 105-mile course in 59 minutes. Hueffner fell exhausted after crossing the line. He is a big, athletic young man, and resides at Racine. Last year he was considered the best wheelman at Beloit college.

Fred Nessel, of Chicago, was the winner of the time prize. He pushed his wheel over the long course in 48 minutes. He was not a scratch man, but had the benefit of a handicap of 3 minutes. His time was 54.20, better than the best previous run.



FRED NESSEL.

over the course, made by Terry Andrus, of Milwaukee. Nessel is twenty-one years old and weighs 150 pounds. He has been riding a wheel less than a year, but his performance stamps him as one of the best road racers in the west. His best feat previous to the Waukegan race was covering twenty-five miles in 14.20.

Paris Fashions.
The new fall toilets bid fair to be the prettiest and most elegant of any that have ever been seen, both in color and make. The prevailing colors for early autumn will partake of the coloring in nature, and be russet, faded reds and purples, with warm browns and soft yellows. The new fall woollens are seen in those colors and in mixtures and also changeable effects. There is a pretty serge with the warp of pale blue, like the autumn sky, and a rich yellow, like the poplar leaves, for the wool and the like.

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and touch accordion plaiting will be seen on all the fall costumes.

Another beautiful dress for a young lady was of blue and gray striped satin, the skirt was quite plain, with lace drapery across the bust and down the left side. I saw this same design in several other colors and materials.

A Southern Beauty.

Miss Carrie Cochran, daughter of the eminent southern jurist, Judge John Cochran, who died when she was an infant, was introduced in Washington society last season by her aunt, the beautiful



CARRIE COCHRAN.

tiful wife of Representative Outes, of Alabama. She is quite tall, has quantities of hair so black that it is almost black, well defined brows, clear cut features, the dark eyes and complexion of the loveliest pink and white. She is a highly accomplished girl and is quite agreeable in conversation.

SPORTING NOTES.

In a recent trial Harry Jewett, of Detroit, equaled John Owen, Jr.'s, world's record time, 9.45 seconds, in the 100 yards dash.

It is said that W. W. Windle is training hard to get into condition for another world's bicycle record breaking performance. Windle must cover a mile 4 seconds faster than he has ever done to equal George F. Taylor's recent mile in 2m. 11s.

Willie Day, the great cross country runner, smokes cigarettes when not actively training.

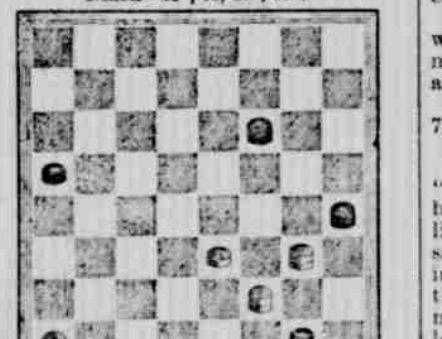
George K. Barrett, the famous Chicago wheelman, recently lost his wife. They had only been married seven months.

Friends of Zimmerman claim that Omond, the English champion, was afraid to meet the American during his English tour.

CHECKERS AND CHESS.

Checker Problem No. 181—By A. J. Hedder.

Black—11*, 13, 20, 32*.

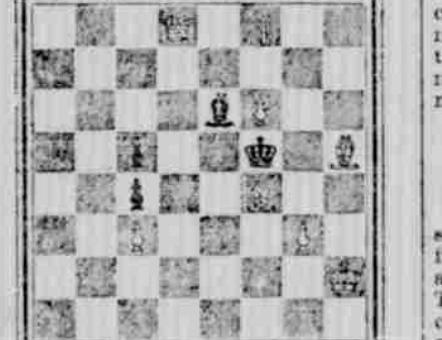


White—23, 34*, 37*, 39.

White to play and draw.

Chess problem No. 181—By G. Fonda.

Black.



White.

White to play and mate in three moves.

SOLUTIONS.

Checker problem No. 180:

Black.

1. 19 to 15

2. 15 to 18

3. 10 to 15

4. 15 to 22

5. 16 to 3, and wins

Chess Problem No. 180:

White.

Key move. Q to K R 2

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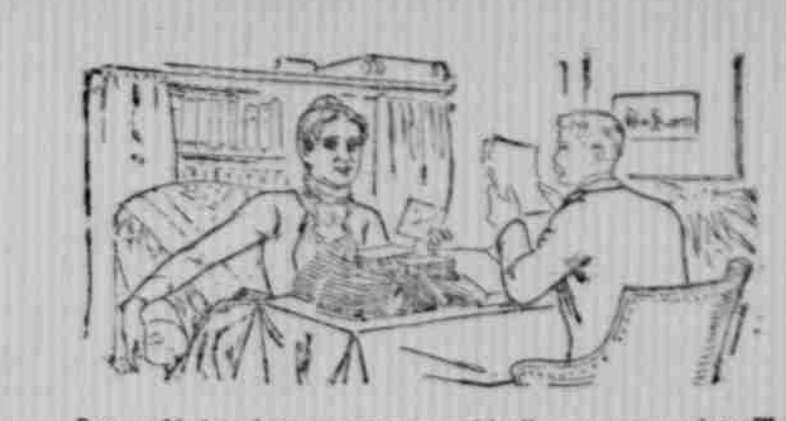
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